

REQUIRED GOVERNMENT SOURCES OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

In accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 8, Required Sources of Supplies and Services, Agencies shall satisfy requirements for supplies and services from or through sources and publications as listed in the FAR.

NOTE: This applies to all warranted persons in contracting activities and also to all warranted and non-warranted cardholders.

FOR SUPPLIES

In descending order of priority:

1. Agency inventories and excess supplies from other agencies;
2. Federal Prison Industries, Inc. (Known as UNICOR);
3. Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled (two organizations that offer products are National Industries for the Blind (NIB) and National Industries for the Severely Handicapped (NISH));
4. Wholesale supply sources, General Services Administration (GSA);
5. Mandatory Federal Supply Schedules; and
6. Commercial sources (Include educational and non-profit institutions).

NOTE: There is a statutory obligation for Government Agencies to satisfy their requirements for supplies from the Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind and Severely Disabled also applies when contractors purchase supply items for Government use. This is done by inserting clauses in the contract.

FOR SERVICES

In descending order of priority:

1. Committee for Purchase from People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled;
2. Optional use of Federal Supply Schedules; and Federal Prisons, Inc; or
Commercial sources (Including educational and non-profit institutions).

DIRECTORY FOR GOVERNMENT SOURCES OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

MRP Agency Inventories	301 734-5699
Agency Mandatory Sources	301 734-5699
UNICOR	1/800 827-3168
Committee for Purchase From People Who are Blind or Severely Disabled	703 603-7740
GSA Advantage Shopping Site on Internet http://www.fss.gsa.gov/cgi-bins/adwel (This shopping site contains products offered by UNICRO, Committee for Blind and Disabled and products on GSA Schedule).	

INQUIRIES

Questions should be directed to the Marketing and Regulatory Programs (MRP, Policy Support Branch at 301 734-3703.